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SUBJECT: EIPC FUNDING FOR JORDAN FOR FY 2005

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SUMMARY

1. (S) Jordan, a key supporter of U.S. policies in the Middle East, has long been an enthusiastic participant in international peacekeeping operations (PKO), including service in recent years in Sierra Leone, Ethiopia/Eritrea, East Timor, Haiti, and the Balkans. In addition, Jordan has provided valuable assistance to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Because of its deep commitment to PKOs, Jordan has established a Peacekeeping Operations Training Center (POTC) which trains both Jordanian and U.S. forces. Embassy Amman proposes to support the Jordanian POTC with USD 250,000 of EIPC funding for FY 2005. End Summary.

POTC: TRAINING FOR U.S. AND JORDANIAN FORCES

2. (S) The Jordanian Peacekeeping Operations Training Center has trained Jordanian peacekeepers for several years for service in Sierra Leone, Ethiopia/Eritrea, Afghanistan, and East Timor. Funding of the POTC's training programs will help ensure continued Jordanian participation in international peace support operations.

3. (S) The POTC is also beginning to play a crucial role in preparing U.S. military forces for service in Iraq. For example, during October 2003, the Center trained a total of 172 officers and senior NCOs from III Corps, 1st Cavalry Division--who will be rotating into Iraq in the next few months--on cultural awareness and situational sensitivities for the Middle East. The courses were deemed so successful that 150 more officers and NCOs are scheduled to rotate through the same training in January 2004. US Army commanders from Company to Division level have assessed the training as invaluable to future success in Iraq. This training has the full support of the Commander, Central Command.

EMBASSY AMMAN'S EIPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

4. (S) To further the success of the Jordanian Peacekeeping Operations Center, Embassy Amman proposes allocating USD 250,000 in EIPC funding for Jordan during FY 2005 for train-the-trainer instruction for Peacekeeping Center staff. The U.S. security assistance (Military Assistance Program - MAP) office at Embassy Amman and the Jordanian Armed Forces have identified specific courses that would be of particular benefit: EIPC Instructors training, Planning Peace Operations, Peacekeeping for Decision Makers, Logistics for Peacekeeping and Specialized English Training for Peacekeeping.

5. (S) The increasing USG interest in utilizing the Jordanian Peacekeeping Center trainers makes EIPC funding essential to ensure that this instruction remains available. We anticipate that U.S. military units will continue to rotate to Jordan or bring Jordanian trainers to the United States. It makes sense that we assist in the training of Jordanian Peacekeeping Center staff who will be training our units to do their jobs in Iraq.

COMMENT

6. (S) Jordan is a close ally providing key support to U.S. objectives in the Middle East, including assisting in building a stable and secure Iraq and playing a valuable role in the Middle East peace process. Jordan's commitment to democratic values, economic liberalization, human rights, stable government and civilian control of the military make it a model for the region.

7. Baghdad minimize considered.

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